

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



SCHEINFUG V. BLANCO

Melita and Marconi clash at Melita Stadium on Sunday at 3 pm and this Sydney derby is featured on channel O-28's Match of the Day.

The clash brings together the now despised national team coach Les Scheinfug, of Marconi, and his national team assistant Raul Blanco of Melita.

But for 90 hectic minutes at Melita Stadium, all friendships will be forgotten as Melita, riding on the crest of a wave whipped up by its stunning 1-0 win over the mighty St George last weekend, tries to climb higher up the Australian Conference ladder at Marconi's expense.

Marconi's 2-1 win over Newcastle on Sunday was its first success of this league season so Scheinfug will be confident that having at last tasted victory, his men now will live up to pre-season predictions that



they would form a formidable combination.

Certainly, in Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics, Tom McCullough, Rod Brown and David Lowe, Marconi has the players fully tested NSL fledgling Melita.

The midfield battle will be intriguing — Melitch of Marconi and Ray Farrugia of Melita — are first class performers, so there should be plenty of excellent close control and passing skills on view.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Lampropoulos and Kalanthzis for young 'Roos!'

With the time rapidly approaching when our youth team will be chosen to start preparing for the 1985 World Youth Cup in Chile, a couple of young stars spring readily to mind

— Chris Kalanthzis and Alex Lampropoulos.

Of course, they're both with us at Olympic, so I've had a really good chance to watch them closely and let me tell you, if these kids go their way, these stars are going to be some players!

Chris, at just 17 years old, is destined for a great career in soccer. He's fast, tricky and cheeky, with bags of confidence far in excess of what is common in such a young player.

One of Australia's leading coaches was talking to me recently about these kids and he described Chris as "a youngster belonging to a rare breed".

He raved about Chris's ability. As for Alex, well, he's shot onto the senior scene this year and played an absolutely magnificent game for us against St George in the opening NSL round. He's tall, strong and very cool under pressure. He plays either sweeper or stopper and he too, is very confident. Like Chris, Alex is only 17 but a very mature young man indeed.

Others who come to mind for a youth team berth are Peter Petkovski and Pedro Ricoy at St. George, Andrew Zinni at Brunswick Juventus and a lad who's going to make his mark this year and have a chance. John Kanakis from South Melbourne Hellas.

Petkovski is really strong for a teenager plus he's got a lot of NSL experience behind him now. That's going to be a big help when the squad is chosen.

Ricoy has burst onto the scene just recently but I'm very impressed with his work rate and his discipline.

Actually, I'm looking forward to seeing these youngsters wearing the green and gold. We look like having a strong youth team again.

No Panic at Marconi

Okay, so Marconi lost its first three league games this year but there's no panic button being pressed down Fairfield way. That's encouraging for the coach, Les Scheinfug, and the players. As well as the supporters, if they can just be a little bit patient.

From what I've seen and heard, the team has improved with each NSL outing, in fact, it was very unlucky to be beaten by St. George the other week.

David Lowe, John Spanos and Paul Carter certainly have strengthened the squad and with internationals in Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics and Bruce James calling the shots, I've got no doubts that we'll soon see Marconi hit the winning trail in a big way.

Also, CSR Gyrock is sponsoring the club and there's a tremendous incentive scheme for the players. It all adds up to Marconi soon getting good results.

Scheinfug, I know, is confident that he can carry Mar-

coni to the height he took the club to back in 1979 when he won the National League Championship.

Spectator stumped

This is how a spectator summed up a recent NSL game in Brisbane:

"For the most part, the ball was up in the air. How on earth can you control a game when you keep thumping the ball 20 metres high?" The standard of ball control was dreadful, there was no passing skill and what does the trick of deliberately kicking the ball over a 12 metre high fence and into a bloody creek achieve?"

Sounds like the spectator wasn't exactly rapt in the match, though.

I wonder if he'll go and watch an NSL game again.

Now come on, you boys up in sunny Queensland, you can play a lot better than that.

But what's this kicking the ball into the creek stuff? A new match plan?

Anyway, not to worry, we often lose track of the fact that all over the world you can watch good and bad games.

In fact, another fan told me that he recently watched Notts Forest playing Arsenal on display. Gary Cole, Claude Luchesi, Graham Hey, George Campbell (all Preston Macedonia) and Tommy Cumming, Dave Brogan, Josip Biskic, Steve Gojevic, Jim Campbell (Melbourne Croatia).

There should be no let-up to goalmouth action with players of such a high calibre. The key to this exciting derby then,

And what a thriller this should be.

TV games for 0/28's Match of the Day this Sunday, 7.30 pm

STARS GALORE

Old rivals Preston Macedonia and Melbourne Croatia should draw the largest crowd of this weekend's round of National Conference matches when they clash at Connor Reserve on Sunday at 3 pm in one of two games featured on 0/28's Match of the Day.

could lie in the respective defensive make-ups.

There's no doubt that Macedonia will be up there vying for the tag of league champ at the business end of the season.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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3. Peter Sharne made one appearance for the Socceroos in 1978. Against which country?

4. How many votes did Stuart Salvage of Blacktown poll in the 1983 NSW Rothmans Medal count?

5. Name the winner of the 1976 South Australian Federation Cup.

Last week's winner was K.J. ELLIS, GPO Box 2181, Sydney, 2001. The answers were: 1. Charlie Yankovic and Scott Patterson, 2. Weston Workers Boys, 3. Bill Vojtek, 4. Paul Walsh and Trevor Francis. 5.61 appeared.

Answers:

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2. How many votes did Wollongong's Larry

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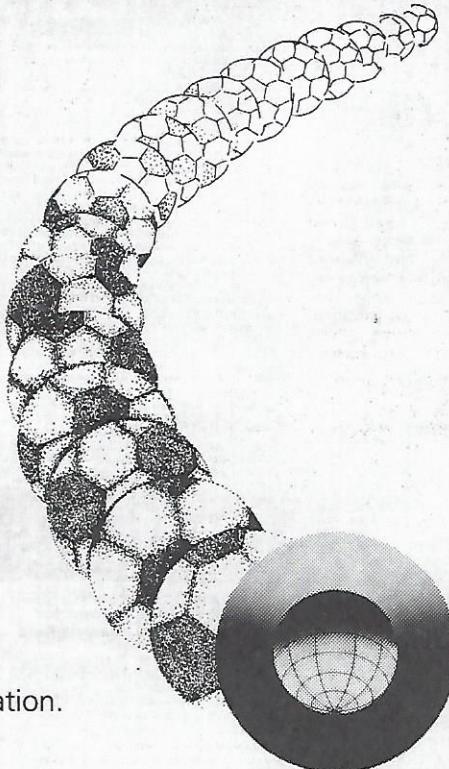
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National Grocer League in '85

The NSL may introduce further refinements to the present two-Conference system next year.

A vague plan calls for an increase in the number of teams from 24 to 48 or 96 but no more than 400.

These, the planners believe, would produce more local derbies.

Teams will be grouped in four or eight Conferences; rounds will be called "primaries"; goals replaced by touchdowns, balls by punts and the whole thing renamed "grocer", a combination of gridiron and soccer.

There will be, in addition to Inter and Intra-Conference matches, Sub-Confer-

ence, Sur Conference, Con-Conference and Pan-Conference games culminating in Inter-Continental and an Inter-Planetary play-off series.

Take an example.

Newcastle may be in the Hibiscus Conference. One week it will play Olympic — but the result will count in the Adelaide based Waratah Conference.

Next week it will play Footscray J.U.S.T. as part of the Sheffield Shield series; all runs will be worth 0.27 goals including Hobart.

The third week it will play at home, taking part in a pie

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eating contest; 24 pies are worth a goal, 36 pies an extra point, 10 pies a stomach pump, and so on, all counted in the Wattle Conference in Hobart.

Actually, it will be a fairly

straight-forward matter to sort out the final placings — even a computer can do it within two or three weeks.

To establish how a team finished the season, all you have to do is:

- Count the points won, then subtract them.
- Add the goals, divided by the last two digits in the weekly League table.
- Multiply it with the price of gold on the London Commodity Exchange.
- Deduct from it the number first thought of.

Clubs will be allowed to nominate in which Conference their points should be registered.

At the moment the system is far too simple. For instance, the result of the Newcastle v. Preston match is shown in only two tables: Newcastle in the Australian Conference, Preston's in the National Conference. We can do better than that.

To add international flavor to the system, clubs can use the points of "surrogate" teams from overseas.

For example, Olympic can

nominate Panathinaikos,

Croatia can pick Zagreb

Dynamo, Adelaide City can

opt to AC Milan, etc. as their

first thought of.

Each Monday morning, as

the European results filter

through — and provided the

Herald prints them — the

results of these proxy teams

will be added to the local total.

The champion team will

be determined either

through a computer or a

Council of Club meetings,

whatever is cheaper. (The

computer.)

The final standings will be announced on November 1, possibly December 19, but not later than the following March, or April, if necessary.

There will be no protest against the final decision unless it's delivered in writing or verbally; sign language is out.

In all disputes the United Nations is the final arbiter; from there the matter may proceed to the Privy Council; if all else fails, the marketing giants East Jersey of London will have the final say.

Critics of the proposed plan will be isolated, cold shouldered, abused, shot, hanged and elected into the management committee in that sequence.



Les Shorrock

TAA out, Ansett for NSL

TAA no longer is the friendly way as far as the National League is concerned.

After carrying National League teams for the past seasons, TAA has severed its connection and Ansett is the NSL's official carrier. However, TAA still is the ASF's official carrier.

It has been an open secret for a long time that the NSL was having difficulty in paying its TAA account, and by the end of last season reportedly was in debt to the airline to the tune of over \$250,000.

The NSL was TAA's third largest account, and the staggeringly high cost of interstate travel was a major factor in persuading the League that a re-structuring to cut down travel was essential. Hence the two-Conference system at present.

Thanks to an influx of sponsorship money from

West-Nally the League was able to completely clear its debt to TAA and to quote National Conference spokesman, Mr Tony Kova, "It didn't owe a cent" at the start of this season.

TAA and NSL executives met and thrashed out a deal for this season and there seemed to be no hitches, but at the eleventh hour, TAA's finance department put up some extra conditions which the NSL objected to.

That was on Thursday, March 15, and although NSL chairman Sam Papasavas appealed to TAA's chief executive, Mr Frank Ball, TAA wouldn't budge, so the League turned to Ansett which already had expressed an interest, and by Sunday the NSL teams flew Ansett.

This is the second rebuff TAA has received from soccer in the past year.

Much to the disgust of the Australian Soccer Press Association, the Management of the NSL

rejected TAA's sponsorship of the National League Player of the Year award, only a month before the presentation night, and instead, accepted the Wedgwood trophy,

although Wedgwood had left ASPA high and dry at the start of the season when it said it no longer was interested in providing the traditional salad bowl.

Leszczynski joins Uni
Tasmanian Cadbury State League club University has obtained promising young striker Andrew Leszczynski on loan from White Eagles for the 1984 season.

Leszczynski, who was selected in the Australian under-18 school boys' team last season, was all set to sign for Brisbane Lions earlier this year but returned to Tasmania where he was unable to gain admission to university in Brisbane.

Several top clubs such as Juventus-Pioneer, Olympia-WPL and Rapid were favoured to sign him so University's success in obtaining his services must be regarded as

something of a coup for the amateur side.

Leszczynski joins his two brothers, Mark and Richard, at the University club. They left White Eagles after the team was relegated to the Rothmans League at the end of last season. Another brother, Chris, remains with White Eagles.

University now has quite a formidable outfit and if coach Ron Coutts can stop his defence from conceding silly and needless goals then the

team should be a force to be reckoned with.

With strikers and midfielders such as Crowther, Rybak, Fraraccio, Shearman and the Leszczynski brothers, the team will be the envy of many a coach in southern Tasmania.

— WALTER PLESS

\$40,000 in Canberra coffers

By PETER WINDSOR

Canberra Arrows now have raked in more than \$37,000 in transfer fees — and could hit the \$40,000 mark by the end of the week.

And this, despite the purchase of almost an entirely new team in the off-season, has resulted in transfer fees outstripping the cost of new acquisitions.

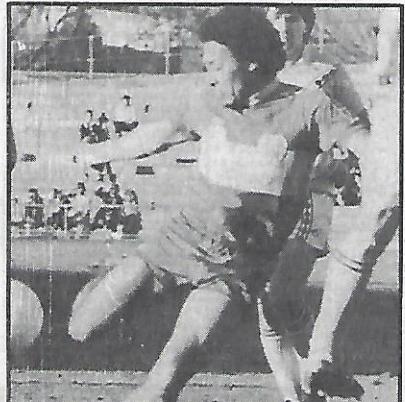
And the credit balance figure takes no account of further savings on a reputed \$20,000 in signing-on fees following the severing of connections with several players.

In giving estimates of transfer fee income, club sources listed the \$11,000 received from AEK Athens for the loan of George Christopoulos, \$12,000 from Blacktown for Gary Byrne, \$8500 for Don McLaren, \$2000 from Brisbane Lions for the loan of Phil Redmond and \$6000 in three installments from Tony Brennan to buy out his own contract.

Another \$2000 to \$3000 could be in the coffers shortly from NSW State League club Inter-Monaro which wants to buy talented defender Angelo Apruzzese from Canberra.

Again, like those already purchased by Canberra coach Doug Collins — and the club board in Farina's case — and we find that Tom Semmanni was bought for \$10,000, midfielder Andrew Brookbank for \$2000, striker Hilton Phillips for \$4000, Farina for \$8000, Ray Juan for \$1500 and Alan Reid for \$1500.

Not bad business.



Tony Brennan — bought out his own contract from Canberra for \$6000.

REF RETURNS

By RICKY ROSSO

Controversial Queensland referee Col Amos, who quit the game 18 months ago after wild scenes at Spencer Park, has made a comeback.

But it is unlikely Amos will control National League matches this season. His involvement will be limited to one local game a weekend.

Ironically, Amos's first match back involved Brisbane City, the club which was in the centre of the furor that prompted Amos's retirement.

Amos refereed the opening Coca-Cola Bottlers tournament game between City and North Star at Lanham Park this year.

He even awarded a penalty against City, but there were only a few who considered Peter Tokesi's waist-high tackle was foul.

"I was a bit nervous beforehand when I found out it was Brisbane City but once I got out there I thoroughly enjoyed it," Amos, 36, said.

Amos's last game was in

July, 1982, when he controversially disallowed a City goal that would have given the club, then struggling at the bottom of the table, a 2-1 win over Sydney Olympic.

With the scores deadlocked at 1-1 and only minutes remaining, Amos disallowed a goal from a Bobby Hamilton shot.

Amos ruled that the shot had ricocheted off the stanchion and had not fully crossed the line.

The City players and fans claimed Hamilton's shot had bounced out of the goalmouth after hitting the taut back netting.

Television replays later suggested the latter was correct, although the replays were not clear and the action too fast to make a conclusive decision.

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Back to Canberra this Friday?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

As we went to press the NSL was expected to announce that the abandoned Canberra v SM-Hellas match (see page 5) would be replayed at Bruce Stadium in Canberra at 8 pm on Friday.

Hellas led Canberra 3-2 when bad weather forced an abandonment eight minutes from the end. Now both teams could have to play two games within three days.

Hellas has to win this one to regain leadership of the National Conference. Juventus took over leadership due to the abandonment game.

Ametco award

Ametco Travel and the VSF Travel Club will provide a return trip to Europe for the top scorer in the National Conference.

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Team of the week

In brackets: Number of appearances in team of the week:

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| PEZZANO (1) (SC-Hakoah) | DJORDJEVIC (1) (Marconi) | McGACHEY (1) (West Adl. Hellas) | JENNINGS (1) (Syd.Olympic) |
| SELEMIDIS (1) (Heidelberg) | WADE (1) (Green Gully) | CRINO (1) (SM-Hellas) | GOJEVIC (1) (Meb. Croatia) |
| SWEENEY (1) (Juventus) | ZINNI (1) (Juventus) | | |



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FRIDAY

Canberra Arrows v. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Bruce Stadium, 8 pm.

SATURDAY

Newcastle v. Green Gully Ajax (draw) at International Sports Centre, 2.30 pm.

SUNDAY

Adelaide City Juventus v. HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS v. Penrith at Richlands, 3 pm

Juventus (Vic) v. Footscray JUST (draw) at Gillon Oval, Brunswick, 3 pm.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA v. Melbourne Croatia at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. West Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park, 3 pm.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS v. Brisbane City at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Blacktown v. CANBERRA ARROWS at Gabbie Stadium, 3pm

Melita Eagles v. Marconi (draw) at Melita Stadium, 3 pm.

St George Budapest v. APIA-Leichhardt (draw) at St George Stadium, 3 pm.

SYDNEY CROATIA v. Sydney City Hakoah at King Tomislav Park, 3 pm.

Wollongong v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3 pm.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Juventus | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 5 | 7 |
| SM-Hellas | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| Melb. Croatia | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| W. Adel. Hellas | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Adel. City Juve | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Bris. City | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Makedonia | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Bris. Lions | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| Heidelberg | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Foots JUST | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| S. Geo. Cross | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Green Gully | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 |

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Syd. C. Hakoah | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 6 |
| Newcastle | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| St George | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| APIA | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Melita Eagles | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Syd. Olympic | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Blacktown | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Syd. Croatia | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| Penrith | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| Canberra | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Marconi | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| Wollongong | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 1 |

Bradley, Hoare move up

John Bradley of APIA Leichhardt and Barry Hoare, the Blacktown goalkeepers, have joined young Canberra goalie Tony Franken and West Adelaide goalie Gary Sproul, as the leading vote-getters in our Boral Bricks best player award.

The winner will receive \$1,500 in cash. Boral bricks also will

give \$1,000 to the top overall scorer out of both NSL Conferences.

Leaders:
1. Bradley (APIA), Hoare (Black) Franken (Can), Sproul (WA).
16. McIntosh (Pen).
15. P. Tredinnick (APIA).
14. McGachery (WA).
13. McMillan (Pen).
12. Jackson (BL), Ratcliffe (St.G.), Savor (Syd Cr).
11. Maxwell (AC), Bromfield (BC), Tansey (JUST), Sweeney (Juve), Allan (ME), Murray

(Hak), Bundalo (Woll), Caban (APIA), Swan (PC), Farina (Can), Yankos (H'berg), Carroll (JUST), Farrugia (ME), Gosling (NEW), Arnold (Syc.Cr.), Patikas (SO), Honeyman (WA).

Top scorers:
4. Sweeney (J), Soper (SO), Kosmina (Hak).
3. Brandt (Newc), Marton (St.G.), Arnold (Syd Cr), Bundalo (Woll).

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GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Vassallo 18th, Carter 44th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Sweeney 13th, Ward pen 46th, Swinscoe 90th) at Green Gully Reserve. Ratings by Peter Desira:

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6, P. Beranic 7, Kremer 5 (sent off 87th), Cannell 8, Hopgen 7, Smart 7, Wade 8, Vassallo 8 — Toal 6, Carter 8, Williams 7, Coach: Jimmy Rooney.

JUVENTUS: Koech 8, Geremia 7, Rogers 7, Dowie 8, Hirid 7, Culien 8, Llooy (Swinscoe 33rd), Miranda 7 — Sweeney 9, Ward 7, Zinni 9, Coach: John Margaritis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Wade, 5. Zinny, 4. Sweeney, 3. Carter, 2. Vassallo, 1. Culien.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Malavazos 38th) at Schinter Reserve. Crowd: about 1,750. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

FOOTSCRAY, J.U.S.T.: Tsigaris 7 — Hazbant 7, Tansey, McDowell 7, Tutili 5 — Curovic 5, Paton 5 (Fernandez 84th), O'Donnell 6 — Carroll 8, Belic 5, Lujic 5, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 7 — McGregor 7, McGachery 8, Honeyman 8, Papazoglou 7 — Papadopoulos 7 (Markopoulos 87th), Atsalis 7, Stamatelopoulos 6, Brown 7 — Malavazos 8, Manecas 6 (Stefanopoulos 80th), Coach: Sam Salabasidis.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. McGachery (WA), 5. Carroll (P), 4. Malavazos (WA), 3. Honeyman (WA), 2. McDowell (F), 1. Atsalis (WA).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 3 (Selimidis 8th, Vagias 50th, Patterson 71st), BRISBANE LIONS 1 (R. Stewart 90th) at Olympic Village. Crowd: about 2000. Ratings by Ken Kontre:

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — McKie 8, Macleod 8, Patterson 7, Angle 9, Selimidis 7, Vagias 7, Petersen 7 (Salvo 74th) — Vagias 7 (inj. Patterson 65th), Winn 6, Valentine 8, Coach: Brian Garvey.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 6 — Jackson 6, Hunter 7, Charlton (inj. McGurk 14th), Niven 8 — R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 6, Ogden 6 (Gerritsen 64th) — Wright 8, Daunt 6, McDonagh 6, Coach: Harry Noon.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Jackson (inj.), McGurk 14th, Niven 8, R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 6, Ogden 6 (Gerritsen 64th) — Wright 8, Daunt 6, McDonagh 6, Coach: Harry Noon.

SYDNEY CITY 1 (Liddell 3rd), SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Arnold 44th) at Spencer Park. Crowd: about 2600. Ratings by Ricky Ross:

CYAN: Wright 8, Perry 7, Liddell 7, Hughes 6, Wilkinson 7, Swan 8, Pimblett 7, Hamill 8, Doherty 8, Campbell 6, Gojevic 8 — Bishop 6, Cumming 7, Brogan 7, Coach: Terry Hanessy.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 6 — Dalleandro 4, (Steven 60th), Richardson 8, O'Reilly 7, Taylor 7 — Bennett 6, Jovanovic 4 (McGowan 65th), MacLaren 6, Bain 8 — Glider 4, Latif 6, Coach: Tommy Traynor.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Gojevic (Cr.), 5. Richardson (SGC), 4. Bain (SGC), 3. Lewis (Cr.), 2. Curcio (Cr.), 1. Hannah (Cr.).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 PRESTON MAKE-DOWN 1 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1900. Ratings by Frank Pangallo:

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 7 — Shillaberger 7, Nyskohus 7, Flounders 7, Cecere 7 — Rankin 6, Melta 7, Villan 6, Maxwell 6 — Mullens 7, Gatenby 8, Coach: Edmund Kreft.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Potter 7 — McMillan 7 — Dunn 7, Dobson 8 (sent off 89th), Petrovski 7 — Opasintis 7, Lucchesi 7, Odzak 7, Campbell 7 — Heys 8, Cole 8, Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Campbell (Mak), 5. Heys (Mak), 4. Cole (Mak), 3. Gatenby (AC), 2. Flounders (AC), 1. Dobson (Mak).

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SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 7 (sent off 79th minute), Woods 8, Vidic 8, Sterry 8, Tomasic 6, Savor 7, Kovacic 8, Rezo 7, Clinch 6, Arnold 8, Kirwan 5 (Meades 53rd), Coach: Atti Abonyi.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Arnold, 5. Bromfield, 4. Kovacic, 3. Swan, 2. Sterry, 1. Mountford.

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

Brown 81st at National Sports Centre, Canberra. Crowd: 1323. Match abandoned 82nd minute. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA ARROWS: Franken 9, Jones 8, Muray 7, Redmond 8, Milhailes 8, Hogg 7, Bryant 7, Brockbank 8, Sermanni 7, Farina 7, Phillips 8, Coach: Doug Collins.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 8, Russell 8, Davidson 7, Blair 7, Kalfaitidis 7, Crino 7, Kanouski 8, Murphy 7, Yzendoorn 8, Egan 7, Brown 7, Coach: Len McKinstry.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Kosmina 48th, Barnes 57th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Katholos 36th) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 400. Ratings by Peter Scott:

HAKOAH: Pezzano 9 — Cant 8, O'Connor 8 (sent off), Robertson 7, Lynch (Lee 73rd) — Watson 5, Gomez 7 (sent off), Kay 8, Barnes 8 — Kosmina 8 (sent off), Fletcher 7 (Murphy 81st), Coach: Eddie Thompson.

OLYMPIC: Wilson 5 — Rogers 6, Lambopoulos 7, Coady 7, Jennings 8 — Patikas 7, Phillips 6, Raskopoulos 6 — Katholos 7, Soper 6, Koussas 5 (Kalanthis 7, 62nd), Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Pezzano (H), 5. Barnes (H), 4. Jennings (O), 3. Kay (H), 2. O'Connor (H), 1. Cant (H).

PENRITH CITY 3 (Jackson penalty 20th, Collesso 83rd, Hale 85th) WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Bundalo 49th, Fontana 88th) at Cook Park. Crowd: 701. Ratings by Paul Goodwin:

PENRITH: Gibson 5 — Bogan 7, Cross 6, Daley 8, McIntosh 7 — Fitzarris 7 (Hale 45th) Wotherspoon 8, Lindsey 6 (Colleso 77th) — Hunter 5, Cotton 6, Jackson 7, Coach: Will Wallace.

WOLLONGONG: Tilised 7 — Green 8, Hristovski 6, Willis 6, Viestra 7 — Condron (Kerr 14th) Bundalo 8, Komatis 7, Gaffney 7 (Kukolovski 82nd) — Beggs 7 (sent off 63rd), Fontana 6, Coach: Adrian Alison.

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Match called off only eight minutes from the end

REF MADE RIGHT DECISION!



Canberra 2 SM-Hellas 3

Match abandoned 82nd minute.

Scorers: Yzendoorn, 31st, Farina, 33rd, Bryant, penalty, 35th, Egan, 39th and Brown 81st.

Venue: National Sports Centre.

Cautions: Murray, Brockbank and Russell.

Referee: Glyn Davies, 7.

Man of the Match:

TONY FRANKEN
(Canberra)

Doug Brown — made score 3-2 for Hellas.



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Soccer history was made in Canberra on Sunday. A match was halted for 10 minutes, and finally called off with only eight minutes remaining and South Melbourne Hellas won 3-2.

In absolutely appalling and positively dangerous weather conditions, referee Glyn Davies called the halt and then sent everyone into a tizzy when he announced: "The match isn't over."

"I've only called a temporary respite. I may restart it. I want to inspect the pitch in 10 minutes."

Inspect the pitch he did — and then officially abandoned the game.

And as NSL officer David Dillon commented: "Under

NSL rules — and FIFA rules — an abandoned game must be reported."

Understandably, Hellas players were bitterly upset. "We were robbed," they exclaimed in exasperation.

If there could be no criticism of Davies' decision to abandon the game — the only criticism being that it took him so long.

The weather was absolutely appalling. It had to be seen to be believed.

The rain was torrential, with thunder and lightning — and the winds were almost gale force.

Soccer was impossible. The ground was waterlogged and once the ball landed it either stopped dead or skidded several yards.

As referee Davies said: "I called a half when it was impossible to see the penalty area from the centre of the pitch."

And this despite the aid of the National Sport Centre's magnificent floodlights.

But the first half was superb and produced four goals.

It showed the superb midfield and sheer teamwork of Hellas, surely one of the best-balanced sides in the NSL.

Yet Canberra stuck with them.

Again young Goalkeeper Tony Franken was in superb form — even if twice beaten.

Hellas contained Canberra, although the sheer speed of Frank Farina constantly troubled the defence — as did Hilton Phillips' ability to round his man.

And in the 31st minute Doug Brown floated in a free kick from the right flank and John Yzendoorn's header was pushed onto the post by Franken but still bounced into the net.

Two minutes later Farina, from a mere five or six metres out, found the net with a fine shot.

And Canberra was in total jubilation in the 35th minute when Bob Mountford's foul on Tammy Semmens brought a penalty which Steve Bryant converted after sending keeper Peter Laumets the wrong way.

Hellas didn't deserve to be trailing and with just minutes of the half remaining a great Brown-Egan one-two saw Egan's ground shot beat Frankfort to level at 2-2.

A great half, one that kept the good-sized crowd, considering the weather, totally enthralled.

The second half was different. The weather made anything like good soccer impossible.

As paddles appeared all over the park players slipped and slid — but that didn't prevent Brown poaching what appeared the match-winner after Jim Murray's back pass had struck in the water.

A sad end, but justifiable. And despite the weather some great individual performances — particularly Franken, Remond and youngster John Nihalidis his NSL debut for Canberra, and Crino, Yzendoorn and Russell for Hellas.

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Nicholson handed out three cautions as he tried to quieten the game. Fabrizio, Liddell and Woods were the receivers.

But Fabrizio, who was cautioned for a bad tackle, was unlucky not to get a penalty three minutes from time when he was brought down viciously on the edge of the box. Despite plenty of white chalk flying into the air, Nicholson ruled the incident occurred outside.

From the freekick Fabrizio miscued a shot but Mountford got a foot on the deflection to send it goalwards.

Watson made a fine save and drew the ball out quickly to Drago Tomasic to put Croatia immediately on the attack.

The City defence was slow in recovering and Tomasic was able to find Arnold unmarked in the centre of the park. The big striker, who showed some great skills throughout the game, headed goalwards and from the edge of the penalty box, blasted a shot into the corner well out of the reach of City keeper Kim Wishart.

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SC-Hakoah 2 Olympic 1

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Referee: Richard Lorenc 4.

About the only matter on which almost everyone was agreed after this match was that referee Richard Lorenc was at fault in letting it develop into a tempestuous, emotional affair.

Referees' inspector Tony Boskovic reportedly doesn't agree with that assessment, but I do.

A lot of emotive claptrap has since been said, written and broadcast about the match.

So, what were the facts of the case?

I'll try to summarise.

• Sydney-City Hakoah fully deserved to win a match in which it exhibited immense will to win and a determination to overcome adversity.

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Man of the Match:

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From then on the proceedings bore precious little resemblance to a soccer match.

First Kosmina received his marching orders in sympathetic circumstances following a fair, innocuous clash with a player, then Gomez had an early finish to the match after a tackle on young Kalantzis, who was stirring matters up on the left wing of Olympic with some very effective running and ball work.

But things changed at half time, most notably with the switching of Murray Barnes from a mainly defensive to a much more aggressively attacking role.

From being one of the disappointments, the former Soccer skipper turned into a shining star of the match.

Hakoah switched into top gear and the gaps started to open up in the home rear-guard.

As I said last week, Hakoah was ready to boil over into one of its unstoppable moods, following some lukewarm displays in recent weeks.

The question though is how many a team fail to take control of a match where for over half an hour it is opposed by only 10 and for the final 10 minutes first by nine and then eight.

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'OLD BOY' DOWNS SAINTS



**Melita 1
St. George 0**

Venue: Melita Stadium
Crowd: 2200
Referee: Peter Rampley 7
Scorer: D. Duarte 53rd
Yellow Card: A. Kozcka
Red Card: M. O'Shea



Mick Mikolajczyk

Melita Eagles answered their critics by showing scant regard for reputations as they held on tenaciously to their solitary goal in a surprising but deserved victory over table-toppers St. George.

For the Saints, it was one of

Halford for Croatia?



Ken Kontra

**Heidelberg 3
Brisb. Lions 1**

Scorers: Selemidis 8th,
Vagias 50th, Patterson 71st
(Heidelberg), R. Stewart 90th
(Brisbane Lions).
Venue: Olympic Village.
Caution: Patterson (H) 38th.
Referee: Stuart Mellings 8.

Theo Selemidis played a great captain's game, scoring an early goal with a fizzing shot and setting up Theo Vagias to score Heidelberg's second. His clever off-the-ball running was also a feature. He was always available for an easy pass, particularly in the first half.

The Lions however did not live up to their fine unbeaten record and seldom looked a confident outfit. Perhaps the early departure of sweeper Charlton unsettled the team (he was taken off on a stretcher in the 14th minute, and to hospital with a suspected broken bone in the foot). But his replacement Peter McClurg was one of Lions' better players and slotted well into Charlton's position.

**Melb. Croatia 2
S. Geo. Cross 0**

Scorers: Campbell 7th, Gojevic 15th.
Venue: Olympic Park No. 2
Caution: Parton (Crt), Lewis (Crt), Hannah (Crt), Bain (GC).
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 7.

Croatia continues negotiating for Carl Halford of Hellas to complete what Tommy Cumming believes is a championship-winning team, while Sunshine-George Cross coach Tommy Traynor is at his wit's end.

Traynor has probably the slowest team in the league, and any combination he may come up with would get results only by defending.

Traynor showed the right spirit in at least trying a few changes against Croatia. By bringing Frank Dallesandro in at right back, Traynor was able to shift Gerry Bennett into midfield to help counter Steve Gojevic. Traynor also brought Slobodan Jovanovic into midfield, in place of John Stevenson.

Neither move worked, though Gojevic was the man of the match, and Jovanovic did nothing. Yet the previous week, neither John Stevenson nor Mick McGorian had impressed, and that's why both were on the bench this time.

I feel, though, that Traynor cannot afford to play without McGorian, as he is one of the few players with pace.

George Cross's best performers were centre back Steve Richardson who was powerful in the air, and Roger Biskic, who did a good job of marking Josip Bican and also managed to get forward.

Peter Lewis and George Hannah, along with Gojevic, continued to push Croatia forward after the break, but Jim Campbell, Jeff Faulkner and Biskic failed to do likewise, with the result that Cumming and David Brogan up front had to make their own luck.

Keith Adams was absent from the side, and so George Hannah came in at left back, where he did a good job, going up in the line tirelessly. It was throw-in by Hannah in the seventh minute of play that led to Croatia's first goal. Brogan relayed the throw via an overhead kick, and Campbell headed home at the far post.

Gojevic made it 2-0 in the 15th minute, playing a one-two with Cumming, and then shooting in off the far post, with a little help from goalkeeper Alan Contini whose dive was all wrong.

A free kick by Ossie Latif which hit the crossbar in the 25th minute was the closest George Cross came to scoring. Steve Kokosa, out of action for about a year due to injury, made a comeback in Croatia's youth side, which lost 0-2 to George Cross in the curtain-raiser.

Miroslaw Wiech, a Polish player just signed by George Cross, was to have played in the youth game, but failed to turn up in time, and was replaced by John Campbell who withdrew from the senior squad due to injury.

the first whistle and play flowed from goal to goal as both sets of midfielders worked hard to create an opening. In fact, when either side attacked down the wings, both defences were hard pressed to contain opponents.

The first half remained scoreless mainly due to the good form displayed by both goalkeepers.

After the interval, it didn't take long for the game to really come to life.

In the 51st minute St. George had Melita's defence sprawled but John O'Shea's shot crashed on to the post.

Melita attacked right from

**Man of the Match:
ALEX MCPHERSON
(Melita)**

Two minutes later the winning goal was scored.

Alex McPherson's long clearance to the left flank eluded David Skeen and Billy Griffiths charged down the wing. As the cover defence came across, he neatly slipped the ball inside to Dennis Duarte who streaked away

from two defenders to score with a beautifully placed drive low into the corner of the net.

St. George was stunned but wasted no time in trying to hit back. Barton, Staten and John O'Shea came close but the ball wouldn't go in.

Dee Marton's luck wasn't much better either. In the 68th minute he beat everyone in sight but chose yet another turn and was dispossessed with the goal at his mercy.

Tragedy struck the Saints in the 74th minute. An uncharacted defensive blunder just on halfway saw Duarte get to sprint away but for Michael O'Shea's diving rugby tackle. Referee Peter Rampley did

not hesitate in awarding a red card.

Although a man down, St. George showed courage by continuing to press forward.

Melita counter attacked and exposed the Saints' defence without much success but St. George still did not give up hope of a late equalizer.

However, McPherson and his defence held firm much to the delight of the vocal home crowd.

A pleasing feature of the game was the powerful non-stop display in midfield by Melita's Don Allan.



George Streeter

Man of the Match:

**BARRY HOARE
(Blacktown)**

Selemidis the Lion-tamer

Heidelberg's coach Brian Garvey decided to strengthen his forward line, and pushed Mike Valentine and Theo Vagias forward to support Steve Winn. This move worked to perfection as Heidelberg's three-men midfield of Selemidis, Angele and Petersen found more space to work in, and more targets to aim at. Selemidis took on the role of schemer. Angele the destroyer and Petersen the enforcer.

If Joe Angele and Mike Petersen learn how to distribute the ball this Heidelberg could do quite a formidable one!

Up front Vagias did some good things, Valentine covered a lot of ground, but Steve Winn still looks out of touch and does not look like scoring.

The Lions' front runners worked hard but achieved little. Generally Yankos, MacLeod and McKire had the measure of Gault and McDonald only Danny Wright looked threatening.

Heidelberg started the match with positive tactics, going forward at every opportunity.

Heidelberg scored their second, just five minutes into the second half.

Selemidis made a great run with the ball into the penalty

area, beat two defenders and pulled back a hard cross from the goalline. Keeper Evans, in trying to intercept, attempted to hold the ball when diving full length and spilled it in front of oncoming Vagias, who made no mistake. With hindsight I am sure Evans would have known he should have punched clear!

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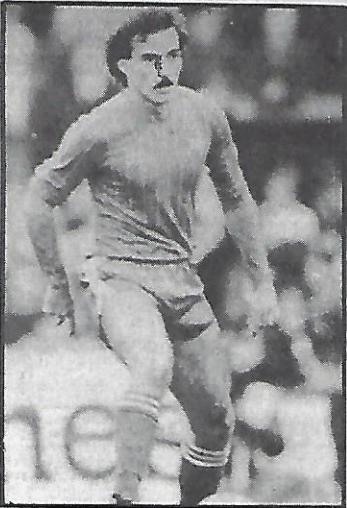
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SOCER AROUND THE WORLD

**Barbados,
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out of '86
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By PAUL MOON

• **FIFA** has announced the first withdrawals from the 1986 World Cup. Continued internal political turmoil is responsible for Granada dropping out, while financial problems are cited as the reasons for Barbados' decision not to compete.

• New West Bromwich Albion manager Johnny Giles has made his first two major acquisitions on the transfer market — Eire international midfielder Tony Greasham from Brighton and Steve Hunt, the former Coventry City and New York Cosmos winger.

• Liverpool captain Graeme Souness missed Liverpool's 0-2 loss at Southampton due to the death of his father.

• Michel Platini has signed a new, two-year contract with Juventus; thus ending speculation about the European Footballer of the Year's future.

• Italian international Giancarlo Antognoni is out of the game for the rest of the season, after sustaining a fractured leg playing for his club, Fiorentina, against Sampdoria.

• Also sidelined for a lengthy period is Mark Banham, who made his international debut for England in Sydney last year. A knee injury is the reason for his lay off.

• Plymouth Argyle became the 6th Third Division club to reach the FA Cup semi-finals as the result of its victory at Derby County. Its predecessors were Middlesbrough (1954), Port Vale (1954), Norwich City (1958) and Crystal Palace (1976).

• Brazilian superstar Socrates denies reports he is to join an Italian club, insisting he will continue with present club Corinthians until his retirement; possibly after the 1986 World Cup.

• The contest to stage the 1990 World Cup finals appears to be between USA and Italy. England has withdrawn its claims, admitting it was unable to meet the requirements. Greece's credentials have been deemed inadequate by FIFA.

• West Germany's utility player Wolfgang Dremmler seems certain to miss this year's European Championship finals in France. He severely injured his knee in Bayern Munich's 9-0 win over Offenbach Kickers.

• There is much irony in the African Confederation's decision to fine Algeria and Nigeria \$6,000 for arranging a draw in their recent African Nations Cup match — a result which enabled them both to qualify for the final stages of the tournament.

It was Algeria which was the victim when Austria and West Germany "controlled" their fate during the 1982 World Cup.

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MOVE OVER OSCAR, HERE COMES FAWKNER

Fawkner in recent years has always been matches he's won.

"Games against Fawkner have always been important and he's never been dirty or I really enjoy playing in them."

My high expectations of Fawkner seemed on the becoming reality 18 months ago when Ramos, along with Patten and Mike Valentini, granted permission to the Heidelberg after the NSL preached the Hillmen to youngsters a trial.

Valentine and Patten subsequently were signed by Berghaus but Ramos is still languishing in the shambles Victorian State League more than a glorified Fliss of a few years back.

So what has gone wrong? Progress of a young seemed destined for the Victorian soccer?

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Presenting Willie Millett, captain of Scotland

By PAUL MOON

Footballers' nicknames are gained through a wide variety of reasons. Few can have stranger origins than that of Aberdeen and Scotland captain Willie Millett.

It was during Aberdeen's Australian tour of 1974 (Millett forgets the city), that a public address announcer referred to him as "Millett". From that time on he had been called "Millett" by one and all at Pittodrie Stadium.

Millett had celebrated his 19th birthday a fortnight before departing for Australia with a mere one full season of senior soccer under his belt, yet he was to be appointed team captain the following year.

His relentless determination to succeed and ability to inspire through example earmarked him as exceptional captaincy material even in those days.

A product of the Glasgow back streets, he was spotted playing as a striker for junior club Eastercraig by legendary Aberdeen scout Bobby Calder who died recently at the age of 83.

Although born and bred less than a mile from Celtic's home ground, Millett did not follow the fortunes of any particular professionals, instead playing three games each weekend left no time to watch others.

He remained a striker during his first 18 months on Aberdeen's books. Loaned out to Highlands League club Pe-

terhead for a season, he notched 20 goals.

It was midway through the next campaign that the switch to defence took place and he has been there ever since.

Compared to his days around the air and excellent in distribution, the consistent Millett is perfectly equipped for the role of sweeper.

Always willing to learn, both on and off the pitch, the Glaswegian readily adapts to having been fitted from the guidance of all coaches and managers he was served under, but reserves special praise for ex-Camberwell City coach George Murray and Teddy Scott, both of whom were on the Aberdeen staff during his initial seasons there.

Millett has played well over 550 games for Aberdeen, which has emerged, first tentatively, as a force in Scotland and now as a European power.

All three major domestic trophies, the European Cup Winners' Cup and Super Cup have been held aloft by Millett in recent years.

At international level too he has made a mark, being one of his country's better performers in the last World Cup finals.

Wooddin, Cole in Kiwi 17

Steve Wooddin (South Melbourne Hellas) and Duncan Cole (ex-Camberwell City) both have been included in the 17-man New Zealand squad chosen to travel to Singapore for the Olympic qualifying tournament.

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TOBACCO TABOO

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The second Rothmans Cup was due to be held in June this year in Kenya.

But the African Football Confederation (CAF) decided to ban the Cup because it is sponsored by a tobacco company and because of the Rothmans company's links with South Africa.

Mahalon Dango said the Kenyan Federation had written to the CAF asking it to reconsider its decision on the grounds that the tournament had been played last year and no-one had objected.

The CAF meeting also banned advertising for the Camel Trophy, and ordered hoardings at the stadia in Abidjan and Bouake to be removed, sources in Abidjan said.

The Camel Trophy is one of six official sponsors of the African Nations Cup finals. The Swiss company which is marketing the firm, Ici-Rofa, signed with Camel Trophy on the basis that it was a genuine sports tournament and not advertising Camel cigarettes.

The Rothmans Cup had already aroused controversy. Nigeria's new sport authorities announced in January that no Nigerian team would be allowed to participate because of the company's links with South Africa.

Youth power for Hammers

By WALTER PLESS

West Ham United long has been known as a producer of fine young players through its youth development policy. Many of the youngsters developed at the so-called "football academy" at Upton Park have made the senior ranks and have gone on to represent their country at the highest level.

Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters are just three from the past that spring readily to mind.

A new crop of youngsters is this season beginning to make its mark, as West Ham's 3-0 win against Stoke City clearly showed last month.

Manager John Lyall faced a major crisis prior to the game as no less than nine of his first team were unfit. But, the youngsters came to the rescue in fine style.

"We have got our problems injury wise," said Lyall, "but the young lads are coming up again. We had to throw two in against Stoke — Paul Allen and Alan Dickens. They came through with flying colours. Both crossed balls for our first two goals and four of them, including Tony Cottee and Bobby Barnes were in our youth team that won the youth cup in 1981. So, you know, it's marvellous for the future of the club that four lads who played in our



The great Bobby Moore!

victorious youth team are now playing in the first team and having a hand in all three goals."

Lyall obviously is worried by all the injuries but believes that the club's depth of talent will see it get into Europe next season, given its present standing in the top six in First Division.

"The senior players that we're missing obviously are of high quality, but I think the club is as strong as it's depth and we've gradually felt over the last two or three years that we're becoming more and more depth into the club. Fortunately, the young lads have come through as well as they have been a bonus. My problem's going to be in about a month's time when they're all fit and we've got 20 players available. But, that's a nice problem and it will be nice if West Ham could be successful over the next two or three years. It's something that we've built for and we're aiming for and I do really hope it happens."

WHERE HAVE ALL THE WINGERS GONE?

Frank Arok will have immense difficulties finding two wingers for his national team — there's an acute shortage in that commodity.

Wingers, on the whole, belong to a dying race all over the world.

Even great teams, like Italy and Brazil in the 1982 Mundial, played without them — though some of their players, like Rossi, Graziani, Eder and Socrates did drift out to the flanks pretty often.

The changing trends in soccer have all but alleviated the need for true, orthodox wingers of the Matthews, Finney, Rahn, Sjoberg and Garrincha types.

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That leaves the younger breed where the prospects are equal.

Arok is known to have a very good eye for talent. Robert Slater, he says, is one of the best. Socrates did not want to play for him.

But his skill level is very poor. His left foot is pretty ineffective and he has a knack for getting injured.

Rene Licata looks the part of a winged wing with deft touch and crosses.

However, his inconsistency in his position even in his insecures.

Ian Hunter has not in



Phil O'Connor lines up (partly obscured), Steve

ZARKO, YOU TOO HERE COMES PEDRO



By PETER DESIRA

but it was only during the close season that it was diagnosed that a back injury was the cause of all the trouble.

"With my back out of place I was sometimes even getting pain doing something simple as driving a car for any length of time."

"Once the real problem was located I started getting treatment for it, seeing the physio regularly and doing a lot of swimming and I'm hoping to be back at my best in the next few weeks."

"Coach Billy Murray has already asked me if I am ready to play but I'm taking it gradually to ensure there are no hiccups this time."

The Ramos family migrated from Chile 10 years ago and it didn't take Pedro long to extend his love of soccer to the local scene.

"We were recommended to Nunawading City but because my

English was poor at the time I went to Nunawading United because there were a few friends there who spoke Spanish."

He moved to Box Hill's under 16s as a 15 year old and now has been with the club for over six years.

The skill he has inherited from his early South American upbringing, but Ramos credits Billy Murray for making him into a senior player.

"My natural game is to attack and I used to fool around a lot in midfield and the penalty box."

"I owe a lot to Billy who has taught me when to and when not to do things like that."

"He has instilled in me the need to tackle and win the ball — I had never defended before."

Ramos, who concedes to being "not bad with the left foot but having a preference for the right," likes the flank position in midfield

and indeed has given his best performances on the right side of the midfield trio.

Has his lack of height been a drawback?

"Not really. In actual fact I've scored quite a few goals with headers and the year we went up from the First Division (1982) a fair share of the 17 goals I scored were with the head," Ramos says.

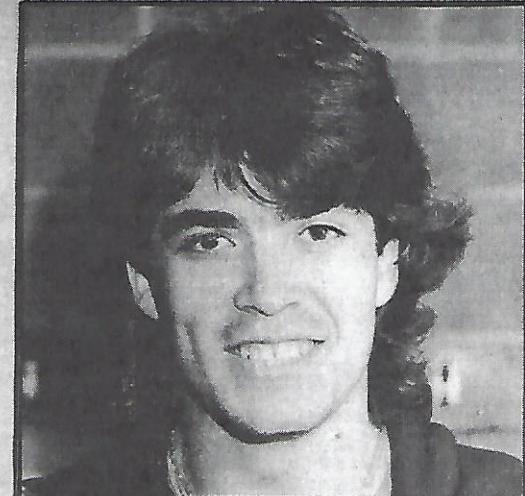
So has the midfielder still got ambitions or has he, at 22, missed the boat for a move up with the new breed of locals to the NSL?

"Scott Patterson and Mike Valentine are still good friends of mine and I envy them a bit, not in a nasty way, at their having already made the grade."

"Like every player I too would like to play there. It's the best league in the country and everyone has to aim for that."

"I believe that if I can get myself really fit I can play in that league — you have to have the confidence in your own ability to get anywhere."

Of the current day players, the player Ramos most admires is Jim Campbell, now with Melbourne Croatia.



Pedro Ramos, set to soon burst onto the NSL scene.

"During the time I trained with Heidelberg, I always looked up at Campbell. I like his style of play — he is so sharp."

And what about Crino? Can this mighty midget match the feats of the South Melbourne maestro in the near future?

"I know Oscar and have always

been aware of the determination he has had to make it to the top. He is very skilful but with Len McKendry there he will not only use skill but also be very much a team player.

"I certainly would like to play in the NSL and be as good as Oscar — I guess it's really all up to me once I get back to full fitness."

By PAUL MOON

A Welsh international, who spent a highly successful playing career in England, is the current North American Coach of the year and now guides Melbourne Croatia: Terry Hennessy, like the cognac which bears his name, obviously travels well.

Wales schoolboys' representative Hennessy signed professional forms for Birmingham City in September 1959, immediately upon reaching his 17th birthday, and was to remain with City for six seasons.

Although the Midlands club could finish no higher than 17th in the First Division during that time, it did contest two major knockout competition finals.

In 1960, City reached the final of the Inter Cities Fairs Cup, but were beaten by today's UEFA Cup, only to lose 2-0 on aggregate to AS Roma.

Three years later, the



Terry Hennessy

transfer request. This resulted in his move to Nottingham Forest for \$140,000.

Hennessy already had received much acclaim as a hard-hitting captain at Birmingham. A Nottingham, his Welsh qualities were even more evident.

Forest was a more than useful team. Apart from the Welshman, it had an extremely able goalkeeper in England under-23 representative Peter Grummitt, the powerful ex-English senior international centre forward Joe Baker, veteran centre half Bob McKinlay, exciting young winger Ian Storey-Moore and Henry Newton, who had few equals as a forceful linkman.

It was around the tall, long striding, inspiring and calculating wing-half that most things revolved though. His breaks from deep in defence were the platform for many victories.

The 1966-67 season saw Forest finish as league runner-up for the first time in its long history, headed only by the Manchester United of Law, Charlton and Best at their peak and it took a highly talented Tottenham Hotspur side to thwart Forest in a pulsating FA Cup semi-final.

From that point, Forest's fortunes declined and were only revived by Brian Clough a decade later.

Over the next 11 seasons, Hennessy was to wear the colours of Cymru on 39 occasions.

Birmingham's relegation at the end of the 1964-65 campaign prompted a return



Melbourne Croatia. Back row: Rob Markovic, George Hannah, Mate Grigic, Peter Blasby, Dave Brogan, Drago Deakovic, Jozo Antolic. Front: Tony Curio, Steve Gajevic, Josip Biski, Keith Adams, Jeff Faulkner, Tommy Cumming, Sean Parton. Missing: Peter Lewis, Jim Campbell.

Then, however, Clough was in the process of building Derby County's most successful team ever and he saw Hennessy as a vital brick in the firm structure.

Clough paid a transfer fee of \$220,000, then a record for both clubs, enabled County to acquire the Forest skipper in February, 1970.

Just over two years later County became league champion, but unfortunately Hennessy could claim but a small portion of the success, being restricted to 18 appearances out of a maximum of 42.

Recurring injuries were now taking a heavy toll and, in February, 1974, they forced his retirement.

Although a long familiar figure on the soccer grounds of Britain, the prematurely balding Hennessy, who had figured in 401 league games, was only 32.

The fact he spent so much time with mediocre Birmingham and Forest teams, plus Wales' status as an international minnow throughout the 1960s, detracted from Hennessy's impact as a player, but there was never any doubt about his class and today he is recalled as one of the finest old-fashioned wing-halves.

He believed himself capable of giving much more to the game after hanging up his boots, yet found opportunities in management and coaching to be limited.

Eventually, he joined little Taronga Park's semi-professional Southern League as manager and did well with limited resources, yet failed to attract the attention of clubs in the Football League.

Unable to break into full-time professional coaching in the United Kingdom, he was content to move across the Atlantic, joining Tulsa Roughnecks, first as assistant coach, then gaining promotion to head coach in 1982.

Quickly the Oklahoma club was transformed from merely a team that was difficult to beat into one which triumphed in last year's Soccerbowl.

Yet, Hennessy was disillusioned by the uncertainty and crassness of soccer in the U.S. and, liking what he heard about Melbourne and its football from son Dean, was happy to take charge of Croatia.

Hennessy brings with him knowledge, determination and enthusiasm — all of which will be invaluable as Croatia embarks upon its first NSL adventure.

BAN ON 3 TOP REFS

The in-fighting that has sometimes occurred in Tasmanian soccer circles has apparently spread to the referees' body. It seems as if three officials, Danny D'Abate, Derek Stoneman and Warren Barclay, the first-mentioned a Class I referee of some 14 years' experience, the other two Class II referees, are the victims of a power play.

All three have been suspended by the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation (Tasmanian Branch) until at least April 8 when their appeal and "not guilty" pleas will be heard by a judicial committee.

The suspensions came as a result of the three officials being in control of the Juventus-Pioneer, Canberra Arrows match played in Hobart on February 4.

Ken Morton asked Danny D'Abate if he would referee the match. D'Abate agreed, obtained permission from Bill Harding, the secretary of the local referees' body, and invited Stoneman and Barclay to be his linesmen.

On the day of the match, three other officials, apparently appointed by the State referees' body, showed up to control the match and confront D'Abate, Stoneman and Barclay eventually officiated, following a meeting behind closed doors between the six referees and representatives of the Tasmanian Soccer Association.

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Several days later, the three officials (D'Abate, Stoneman and Barclay)

TASMANIAN SCENE with Walter Pless



has its hard-lucky story and this year's Michael The Tail Summer Cup is no exception.

Olympia-WPL needed only a draw in its final match against Juventus-Pioneer in order to qualify for the semi-finals but it lost 1-2. Even then, the Greek side finished level both on points and goal difference with the defending champions, but the latter went through by virtue of the fact that it had scored five goals compared to Olympia's four. And Caldeonians' telling goal came in the final seconds of a 3-2 win over University!

Olympia's coach, Otto Klaus, was a bitterly disappointed man after the Juventus match. "I'm very disappointed," he said. "I have the feeling that the team, especially some of the experienced players, let me down."

Klaus was referring to the fact that Ronnie Bolton and Craig Nichols were missing from the team. Bolton simply did not turn up, and Nichols was playing in a second-grade cricket match which was followed by an end-of-season barbecue.

These two players are vital cogs in the Olympia team and who knows what the result might have been had they played against Juventus. As it was, Klaus was forced to field youngsters Nikitris and Kaproulas, as well as the relatively inexperienced Patiniotis.

The problem with many local "stars" is that they don't concentrate for the season. I can understand how a player of Nichols' calibre, a player who has had several trials with Footscray JUST, could put a cricket match and barbecue before a vital game involving Olympia. Bolton's failure to turn up for the match is impossible to comprehend.

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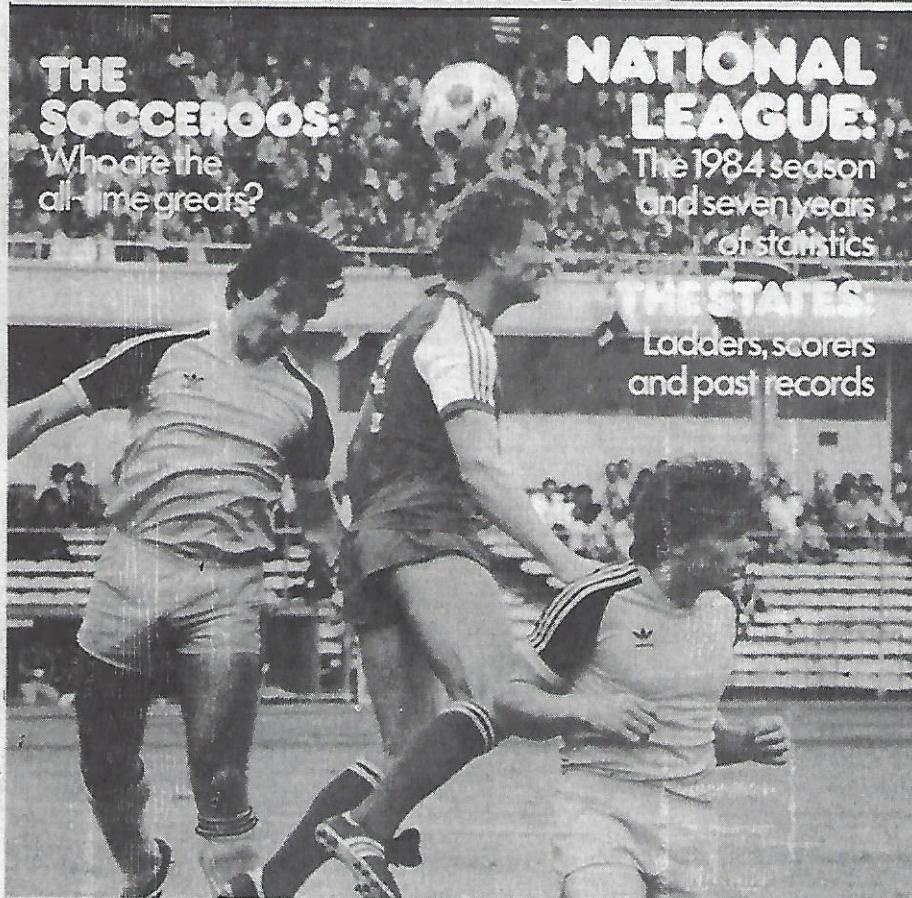
Australia against England in Melbourne last year. From left: Greedy, Jennings, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Phil O'Connor, Murphy, Cant, Watson, Yankos, Davidson, Kosmina.

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POLONIA EYES NSL BERTH



Have you heard the one about the Scotsman, the Englishman and the Irishman? Well, the Scotsman selected Box Hill to win the State League championship; the Englishman selected Fawkner; and the Irishman is selecting Polonia.

In fact, Polonia will replace a Maltese-backed club in the Australian Conference next season, and become the first

By MICK MITTEN

Polish backed club to play at National League level.

It will take a leap along this road by capturing Western Suburbs on Sunday at Raleigh Reserve. Polonia has too many big guns for Western Suburbs with a front line that has scored over 30 goals already this season.

In the other big game this Sunday, Box Hill against Morwell, Box Hill will rise to the

occasion and win. Falcons have problems in the middle of their defence with a lack of mobility and cover. John Higginson is a real sweeper and will be sorely tested by Box Hill's forwards. But the doubt that the loser will have much to cry about, as both teams will finish in the top four.

At Egan Lee Reserve on Saturday, Fawkner will defeat

Knox. Despite Knox's good start to the league, on the three occasions I have seen it this year, I have not been impressed. It does not seem anyone capable of stopping Ian Tuffield in the air. The only danger for Fawkner is Knox striker Greg House but he too often is on his own up front.

The Pines versus Croydon game at Monterey Boulevard will result in a draw on Saturday with neither side destined to achieve much this year.

Doveton will defeat Ring-

wood Wilhelmina at Waratah Reserve on Sunday. Doveton could surprise us this year. I like the look of fresh-faced Mark Lennon, Ian Stirtton and Stan Webster. These three are capable of scoring against the best and Ringwood will not prove too difficult to break down.

SATURDAY
Frankston Pines v Croydon (draw) at Monterey Boulevard, 3 pm.
Knox City v FAWKNER at Egan Lee Reserve, 3 pm.

St Albans Dinamo v NORTHCOTE at Churchill Reserve, 3 pm.
Broadmeadows v Albion Rovers (draw) at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
BOX HILL v Morwell Falcons at Wembley Park, 3 pm.
DOVETON v Ringwood Wilhelmina at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.
POLONIA v Western Suburbs at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

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CROYDON 1 (l), Loughnane 76th) BROADMEADOWS 0 at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Rainey 7, Singleton 9, Ormond 5, Brown 7, Marley 9, Bawerton 8, Loughnane 6 — Griffiths 7, French 6 (inj. 50th), Miller 6, Pilkington 6, Coach: Hartman.

BROADMEADOWS: Potts 7 — Smart 7, Vizzini 8, Donaldson 7, Senda 6 — Watson 6, Daniels 5 (Poccoc 60th), Stelios 5 — Vaccaro 5, Liberto 4, Penzo 6, Coach: Dan O'Connor.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Singleton (C) 2. Marley (C) 1. Vizzini (B).

NORTHCOTE 5 (Barrettto 9th, 21st, Kotsakidis 50th, Constantinou 75th, Dinosopoulos 82nd) ALBION ROVERS 1 (Rodrigues 6th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Gianopoulos 7 — Wilson 8, Kotsakidis 7, Bozikis 8, Wright 7 — Toro 7, Quigley 7, Patonitis 7 (inj. Constantinou 70th) — Dinosopoulos 7, Barrettto 9, Mavicek 5, F. McLeod 5, Tony Vrzina 5.

ALBION ROVERS: Bryden 6 — McMorrow 5, D'Sylva 6, Gilmour 6, Douglas 5 (Gatti 11th) — Mavicek 5, Relly 5, Barba 6 — Rodriguez 6, Boucas 5, Spiteri 5 (Reid 65th). Coach: Billy McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Quigley (N) 2. Wilson (N) 1. Barrettto (N).

FAWKNER 4 (Fattore 22nd, Palinkas 29th, Boyle penalty 69th, Cozzi 71st) POLONIA 4 (Przybyla 17th, 55th, Mitten 31st, 57th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5 — Giacomi 6, Fatore 5, F. McLeod 5, Hobson 6 — Angele 6 (Lia 85th), Boyle 7, Palmariotti 6 (Sannipoli 62nd) — Cozzella 8, Tuffield 7, Palinkas 7, Coach: Gus MacLeod.

POLONIA: Lukac 5 — Liparski 8, Mila 6, Innes 5, A. Czapnik 6 — Gibson 7 (sent off 72nd), Trout 7, Gardiner 7, G. Czapnik 6 (Gregory 72nd) — Mitten 8, Przybyla 9, Coach: John Gardiner.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Quigley (P) 2. Cozzella (F) 1. Mitten (P).

BOX HILL 2 (Smith 43rd, Keenan 87th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Warszawski 10th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 — I. Roodhouse 6, Lawler 7 (Underwood 83rd), Hennessy 6, A. Roodhouse 6 — White 9 (Azzopardi 89th), Verezich 7, Hughes 8, Keenan 6 — Smith 9, Priestley 8, Coach: Bill Murray.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7 — G. Haupt 6 (sent off 63rd), Meyer 8, Corke 8, Venners 7 — Wells 7, Trotter 7, Shannon 6 (inj. Adams 60th) — Bakker 5 (M. Haupt 60th), Warszawski 6, Stewart 6. Coach: Rudy Altena.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. White (BH) 2. Smith (B) 1. Meyer (RW).

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (K. Coyle penalty 35th, Stenson 78th, Mussel 83rd) DOVETON 1 (Stirton 10th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachris 6 — Borg (inj.), Papachristodoulou 6, Dimouski 6, Hammill 6, Lekkas 7 — K. Coyle 7, Musel 7, Kakanakis 6 (sent off 60th) — Lazopoulos 6, Stenson 8, Filippis 7. Coach: Jimmy Condile.

DOVETON: Reddy 7 — Watson 8, Gadsby 6, Buchanan 5 (Millar 70th), Fitzpatrick 7 — McDonald 6 (Savo 60th), Edmondson 6, McLeod 7, M. Lennon 5 — Stirton 5, Webster 7. Coach: Hammy McMehee.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Stenson (WS) 2. Watson (D) 1. Mussel (WS).

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Bingham 2nd) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Thurlow 43rd) at North Cringin Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Clarke 6, Higham 6, Bruns 8, Train 5 — Moore 7, MacLean 5, Bingham 8 — T. van Baar 5 (Atherton H. 6), O'Callaghan 6, McGuinness 5 (Constable 70th). Coach: Jimmy Dunn.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury 7 — Wilson 6, Thurlow 7, Cullen (inj. Millar 34th), Beech 7 — O'Halloran 5 (Livingston 80th), Ross 6, Cooke 7, Cummings 6 — McGinnagle 8, Dick 6. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. Bingham (MF) 2. McGinnagle (FP) 1. Cooke (FP).

ST. ALBANS 0 KNOX CITY 1 (Gerrish 67th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST. ALBANS: Lacok 7, Kuzman 4, Bozic 3, Brkicjasic 4, Nobilo 5, Pavlovic 4 (Radman 68th), Batilovic 5, Istuk 4, Morovic 4, Vojtek 5, Dezic 4.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 7, Russell 4, Tunstall 4, Bissinger 4, Dixon 4, Keenan 4 (Bridle H. 3), Murray 4, Roddis 4 (Healy 80th), Gerish 6, House 6, Leeslief 4.

Best three for Schipano's Player of the Year award: 3. McTurk (KC) 2. Lacok (STA) 1. Gerish (KC).

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4 — Przybyla (P), Marley (Croy), Gerrish (Knox), Meyer (R. Wil.).

3 — Mila (P), Gilmour (Albion), Singleton (Croy), McTurk (Knox), Quigley (North), Angele (Fawk.). Bingham, Clarke (Morw.), Lazopoulos (WS), White (B. Hill).

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4 — Przybyla (P)
3 — Mitten (P)

Quigley, Wilson set for NSL, Kerr to Falcons, Culina back at Dinamo

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Morwell Falcons are set to sign transfer listed Alan Kerr from Sunshine-George Cross this week for about \$3000. Kerr is a former Melbourne Croatia and North Perth Croatia midfielder with a reputation as being a tough customer.

"Just the player I need in midfield," says Falcons coach Jimmy Dunne.

• Northcote now seems certain to lose Mark Wilson and Colin Quigley to NSL clubs while Branko Culina was about to re-join St Albans Dinamo for a \$6000 transfer fee we went to press.

• Will the Northern Irishman who can play either in midfield or at full back, has agreed terms with Heidelberg. All that remains is for the clubs to agree on a transfer fee. Northcote rejected Heidelberg's initial offer of \$3000. A figure closer to \$5000 will seal the deal.

Sunshine-George Cross is favorite to win Quigley's signature. Quigley is an outstanding passer and he's likely to slot immediately into the Sunshine-George Cross midfield — a problem area for the club in recent weeks.

• So what's happening at Northcote? How can the club hope to replace them? Is its best plan? A report in a Sunday newspaper last weekend had Northcote fans and officials in a frenzy. The report outlined the pending player clear-out at the club and it seems some officials have had second thoughts about the proposed changes. But, it seems they are too late. Only time will tell however, if



Branko Culina

Northcote's reported policy of playing youngsters in the first team will work. It could be a season of struggle for the John Cain Reserve outfit.

• Dragan Vasic has earned the tag of "The Invisible Man" at Broadmeadows and has been fined \$200 for his non-appearance at training sessions and his disappearance on match days.

Vasic, imported from Broadmeadows, if he again misses a training session or fails to turn up for a match. The club already has dumped Duard Kuna, the ex-Melbourne Croatia player.

Vasic disappeared for three weeks recently. He turned up for the first game of a Dockerty Cup double header at Laura Douglas Reserve on Sunday, March 11. The second game featured Broadmeadows against Sandringham City. But by the time the second match was due to start, Vasic had gone. He went to Schindler Reserve and watched his old team Footscray JUST GOING beat 3-2 by Brisbane City.

• Paul Radov has signed David Brooks from Ringwood Wilhelmina for \$3000 Brooks trialed with Sunshine George Cross recently.

• The one official who wasn't impressed with the referring of their team's game against Western Suburbs at Ralph Reserve on Sunday, The Doves were leading 1-0 when a penalty was awarded to Suburbs. Keiron



Alan Kerr

Coyle took his penalty which was saved by Doveton goalie Branko Radov. The ref ordered a retake. Again Radov saved. Yet another retake was ordered. This time Coyle converted, slamming the ball in off the underside of the bar.

Suburbs won 3-1, despite playing with only 10 men after former South Melbourne Hellas player Steve Kakantos was sent off.

• Ringwood Wilhelmina coach Rudi van Altena also wasn't pleased with the refereeing display as his side went down 2-1 to Box Hill at Wembley Park on Sunday.

"I finished up with a long list of injured players. Some of the things that were let go today were dreadful," said van Altena.

• Paul Radov has a broken nose. Greg Warszawski received a head wound. Des Shannon was kicked on the knee and had to go off. Mark Wells had his lip cut and his nose bled and, Hans Meyer has a gashed shin.

Wilhelmina's Graham Haupt was sent off in the 63rd minute, to add to van Altena's woes.

• Box Hill has signed David Brooks from Ringwood Wilhelmina for \$3000 Brooks trialed with Sunshine George Cross recently.

• Steve Irvine re-signed with Croydon last night (Tuesday) ending weeks of speculation over the future of the talented striker.



Dragan Vasic

It'll never replace soccer!

By LES SHORROCK

Dinamo 0
Knox 1

Scorer: Gerrish 67th,
Venue: Churchill Reserve.

The one and only bright spot in this dreary encounter



Knox City's Jeff Gerrish jumps for joy after scoring the winning goal against Dinamo on Saturday.

ter came in the 67th minute, when Jeff Gerrish latched onto a loose ball just outside the St Albans Dinamo penalty area and volleyed it fiercely past Danny Lacok.

The goal was out of character in a game that seemed either destined for a goalless draw or to be won by a defensive mistake, and there were plenty of those.

Despite poor covering, both goalkeepers, Stuart McTurk for Knox and Danny Lacok for Dinamo, were more than equal to the task of keeping the opposing forwards at bay.

The St Albans ground, although a little cramped, was in excellent condition, not that most of the world would notice, as the game was rarely played on the grass, and the ball continually was sent sailing into adjoining gardens or the street.

One well-known VSF Board of Management member sitting alongside me said it took him back to his Metro Fourth Division days... he must have been referring to the nonchalance with which children strolled across the ground during the game... indeed, one toddler got entangled in the Knox City goal-net, much

to the consternation of McTurk, who fielded a backpass with one hand and shepherded the kid away with the other.

The whole pathetic St Albans effort was epitomised in the closing minutes when, with McTurk Lyndon sized up the goal, after colliding with one of his defenders, Ned Bartolini, with all the time in the world, ballooned the ball over an empty goal and into the next parish.

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Sutherland for the title, but watch out for Canterbury!

Sutherland can hit back from the disappointment of not being included in the 1984 NSL by winning the NSW State League championship.

If Sutherland achieves such a feat, and by my reckoning it's the team to beat, then as NSW State League champ it automatically will be invited to compete in next year's NSL.

In fact, maybe a year away from top company won't do the club too much harm. It has revamped its administration and will be out to build a fine side — two factors essential to establishing itself in the NSL.

Sutherland

President: P. Grey
Secretary: B. Cox
Coach: John Lavin
Home ground: Seymour Shaw

After an upheaval in 1983 and the loss suffered by the club at the voting table for a National League position, some familiar faces have left Sutherland.

Laurie Haynes, one of the longest serving members of Sutherland and secretary for many years, has resigned in protest over the decision taken by the ASF John Watkins, the new Soccerco, and the club's most successful coach, also has left.

Steve Meades and Shane Clinch have gone to Sydney Croatia and one would think that gloom has descended upon this proud club. Not so. With a new committee and Johny Lavin as the new coach, things look bright. The 1983 side minus the Clinch-Meades combination, has returned and looks awesome.

Mark Haynes has come out of temporary retirement and king Schumann, Dalforno and Hestford are at the back, and at least five midfielders and five forwards are on the lookout for the remaining six positions, with Mark Harrington and Nigel Groome almost certain to retain their places.

Chances are that Sutherland will be hard to beat and it looks odds-on to take the 1984 State League championship.

The squad: Haynes, Dart, Watkins, Schumann, Dalforno, Hestford, Cashman, Harrington, Groome, Rogers, Hargraves, Johnstone, Cooper.

Canterbury

Secretary: Lionel Brown
Coach: John Zopilatos
Home ground: Arlington Oval

Changes at Arlington Oval "shouldn't prove too much of a difficulty" says John Zopilatos, the effervescent coach of Canterbury.

"O.K. so we lost Theodorakopoulos, but O.K. I'd had Dounis and Ioanidis from Sydney Olympic and that has more than compensated us," he said.

Well, I am not so sure. The loss of Brown a little earlier then Craig Hall (who wants to play elsewhere but Canterbury has too big a fee on his head),

Jimmy Basterfield and now Theodorakopoulos, is that a bit too much for a club striving to win the league?

Still, Canterbury looks a threat.

Dounis, Petas and Ioanidis should carry this threat, complete unknowns you might say, but all skilful and fast. Bill Fternatis, Andreou and Anagnostopoulos should provide the set-piece while Ali El Zein in goal will marshall the defense.

The squad: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Dalforno, Laws, Hantzis, Andreou, Anagnostopoulos, Phillipou, Fternatis, Dounis, Petas, Ioanidis.

Inter Monaro

President: Laurie Pastrello
Secretary: Mrs D. Roberts
Coach: Roberto Vieri
Home ground: Marco Polo Oval.

This big spender from the A.C.T. really means business!

Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo are back in town and eager to combine and score goals as they used to for Inter Monaro before their move to APIA. Should these two find Tony Brennan with them at Inter, then the full picture of A.C.T. power will be on view again.

Certainly the most lethal front line in the league!

Roberto Vieri, has retired but Andrikovic, Shaw, Djordjevski and Popovic should provide sufficient service from midfield for this fearsome front line. It also is important to note that young Monterosso is no pushover and should add further power up front.

The defence is Monaro's main problem. Catanzaratti in goal has Santolin and Frances in front of him but two more top class defenders would do.

The squad: Catanzaratti, Damozetovic, Floran, Santolin, Frances, Andrikovic, Shaw, Djordjevski, Popovic, Godzik, Giampaolo, Valeri, Monterosso and Bronnen (if transfer from Canterbury goes through).

Rockdale

President: J. Karanfiloff
Secretary: J. Trajcevski
Coach: Ilija Tocak
Home ground: Hurstville Oval

This team is the dark horse for 1984. With Ross Brown and Branka Karanfilovski up front, Rockdale certainly will have a very strong attack, while Peter Pilovski, Paul Degney and Paul Butcher are no newcomers to big time soccer, and will form the nucleus of Ilinde's backline.

The midfield will be made of Macedonian youngsters Slavesci and Ristevski with David



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Kuringai

President: Don Allen
Secretary: Bob Davies
Coach: Vic Dalgleish
Home ground: Parklands Oval

Hit by departures from last year's side Kuringai is going to be hard pressed to achieve the success of 1983. Harry Noon went north to Brisbane and took Clive Eaton along.

Stephen Knight went to Stephen Knight went to the ex-coach from Sydney Olympic, Ljubo Gojkovic, while David Curtis, the keeper, went to Blacktown City. Alan Robertson moved to Second Division Dee Why. Eddie Keaveney is overseas, and Andrew Beckman has gone to Canberra.

That's far too many players to lose and still have a successful side. Craig Bassi and Glen Jeffries from Gladesville have joined the ranks, while its ex-keeper Andrew Lacey, returned from a two-year spell in the country. Lee Watson from Cambridge University and Warren Turnbull from Blacktown should add stability to the backline, while up front the side will have its problems with Seach, Shearer, Lowe and Jeffries not looking like a powerful striking force.

But the addition of Andy Tracey and Alan Bourke should provide stability in midfield.

The squad: Lacey, Bennett, Watson, Turnbull, Martin, Ings, Morlock, Joso, Tracey, Neil Williamson, Graham Williamson, Bourke, Davidson, Jeffries, Bass, Hunter, Seach, Shearer, Lowe.

Yugal

President: M. Banovic
Secretary: T. Bregovic
Coach: S. Dacevski
Home ground: Fraser Park

The loss of David McIntosh and Tommy Mihajlovic really will be felt amongst the "dark blues". It was McIntosh's enormous courage and height which prevailed in many a tight match, while those fine skills of Mihajlovic and his powerful shooting collected many a point.

Mihajlovic returned to Yugoslavia for an indefinite holiday, while McIntosh found his place in the Penrith defence in the NSL. Steve Dacevski has been appointed Yugal's new coach and if experience is the sole prerequisite for coaching success then Yugal should win the title. Dacevski has represented Yugoslavia at "A" and "B" levels and was a star with Vardar Skopje and Partizan Belgrade in the fifties.

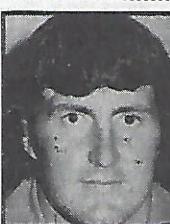
But, he will not be playing for Yugal and despite his experience I could not see Yugal doing any better than a middle-of-the-table finish.

At the back, Avala will have a choice of three keepers, a fairly strong backline and an excellent midfield — good enough for the top four?

Games against Manly, Rockdale and Auburn in the



Ljubo Gojkovic — can he take the top four?



Mal Hayes — back in goal for championship favorite Sutherland,



Seb Giampolo — soon to be joined at Inter Monaro by Tony Brennan?

Home ground: Cremers Park

Major changes have not affected Manly Warringah.

Terry Smith, last season's top scorer, has retired and Jimmy Hughes has been replaced by Richard Alagich in the coaching chair.

Some additions to the playing staff have been found and it should be only a matter of time before the Seasiders strike a good tune. Barry Walker from Blacktown has slotted into the striking position in place of Smith and should add a lot of strength to the front.

Terry Stevens, Robbie Stuart and Walker will be Manly's feared forward trio. Vale, Williams and Jones as well as Cassettari should have their regular spots, while the rest will have to battle it out for the remaining four places in the side.

The squad: Cassettari, Stevens, John Dick, Steve Dick, Doyle, Williamson, Stevens, Jack, Jones, Marwouic, Pierce, Stuart, Barker, Walker, Pierce, Vale, Etherington.

Warringah Narrabeen

President: Ted Evers
Secretary: Howard Friend
Coach: John Wignall
Home ground: Narrabeen Fitness Centre

The side most have written-off as serious contenders for 1984, still could surprise. After an unexpected appearance in the Ampol Cup, Warringah put its act together to defeat Rockdale, Yugal and Kuringai in pre-season matches and drew with Canterbury Marrickville.

John Wignall, with coaching experience at Riverwood and Sydney Croatia, has come up with a formula for success and the side is eager for its first round match against Rockdale at Hurstville Oval.

Richard Yamine, the ex-Melita and St. George player, is with Warringah. The injury which kept Yamine out of the game for two years seems to have healed, and he's raring to go in '84.

The squad: Peter Dean, Duncan, Sarge, Collins, Hiscott, Hanley, Allan Oval, McDonald, Yamina, Beverley, Earl, Sanderson, Rimmer.

1984 NSW STATE LEAGUE DRAW

ROUND 1: 1 APRIL

Manly Warringah v Avala on Sunday at Cremers Park; Inter Monaro v Auburn Uruguay on Sunday at Marco Polo Oval; Bankstown National v Sutherland Shire on Sunday at Soccer Centre; Cant-M'ville Oly v Ku-Ring-Gai on Sunday at Arlington Oval; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Fraser Park; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 2: 7/8 APRIL

Round 2 (brought forward)

Avala v Manly Warringah on Wednesday at Knight Park; Auburn Uruguay v Inter Monaro on Wednesday at Knight Park; Sutherland Shire v Bankstown National on Wednesday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Cant-M'ville Oly on Wednesday at Parklands Oval; Polonia v S.S.C. Yugal on Wednesday at Chipping Park; Warringah N'been on Sunday at Parklands Oval; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 3: 14/15 APRIL

Manly Warringah v Sutherland Shire on Sunday at Cremers Park; Avala v Rockdale Ilinden on Sunday at Knight Park; Inter Monaro v Ku-Ring-Gai on Sunday at Marco Polo Oval; Bankstown National v Polonia on Sunday at Soccer Centre; Cant-M'ville Oly v Warringah N'been on Sunday at Chipping Park; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 4: 21/22 APRIL

Ku-Ring-Gai v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Parklands Oval;

ROUND 5: 28/29 APRIL

Avala v Manly Warringah on Wednesday at Knight Park; Auburn Uruguay v Inter Monaro on Wednesday at Chipping Park; Sutherland Shire v Bankstown National on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Cant-M'ville Oly on Sunday at Parklands Oval; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 6: 5/6 MAY

Manly Warringah v Bankstown National on Sunday at Chipping Park;

Round 6 (brought forward)

Manly Warringah v Polonia on Sunday at Chipping Park; Auburn Uruguay v Bankstown National on Sunday at Chipping Park; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Hurstville Oval; Inter Monaro v Sutherland Shire on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Warringah N'been on Sunday at Parklands Oval; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 7: 12/13 MAY

Manly Warringah v Avala on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Chipping Park; Sutherland Shire v Bankstown National on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 8: 19/20 MAY

Cant-M'ville Oly v Manly Warringah on Saturday at Chipping Park; Polonia v Warringah N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 9: 26/27 MAY

Manly Warringah v Bankstown National on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 10: 10/11 JUNE

Manly Warringah v Avala on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 11: 17/18 JUNE

Manly Warringah v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 12: 24/25 JUNE

Manly Warringah v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 13: 21/22 JULY

Manly Warringah v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 14: 28/29 JULY

Manly Warringah v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 15: 4/5 AUG

Manly Warringah v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Inter Monaro v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 16: 11/12 AUG

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Soccer Centre; Cant-M'ville Oly v Avala on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 17: 18/19 AUG

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Soccer Centre; Cant-M'ville Oly v Avala on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 18: 25/26 AUG

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Soccer Centre; Cant-M'ville Oly v Avala on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 19: 1/2 SEPTEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 20: 8/9 SEPTEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 21: 15/16 SEPTEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 22: 22/23 SEPTEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 23: 29/30 SEPTEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 24: 5/6 OCTOBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 25: 12/13 OCTOBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 26: 19/20 OCTOBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 27: 26/27 OCTOBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 28: 2/3 NOVEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 29: 9/10 NOVEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 30: 16/17 NOVEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 31: 23/24 NOVEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 32: 26/27 NOVEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 33: 3/4 DECEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 34: 10/11 DECEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 35: 17/18 DECEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 36: 24/25 DECEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 37: 31/12 DECEMBER

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 38: 7/8 JANUARY

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 39: 14/15 JANUARY

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 40: 21/22 JANUARY

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 41: 28/29 JANUARY

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 42: 4/5 FEBRUARY

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 43: 11/12 FEBRUARY

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 44: 18/19 FEBRUARY

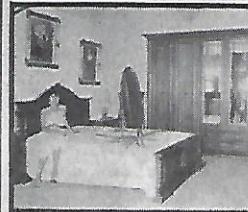
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ROUND 45: 25/26 AUGUST

Bankstown National v Manly Warringah on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; S.S.C. Yugal v Polonia on Sunday at Seymour Shaw; Rockdale Ilinden v N'been on Sunday at Seymour Shaw.

ROUND 46: 1/2 SEPTEMBER

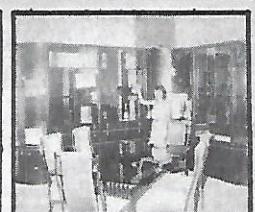
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Domenica prossima la Juventus, insignita del primato in classifica, torna a giocare a Brunswick.

Non si tratta, purtroppo, del nuovo campionato. Il club e' in predicato di costruire nel sobborgo che in tempi recenti gli ha dato il nome, ma del vecchio campo di football australiano sul quale gioce per la prima volta nel 1980, iniziando un esperimento che sembra riuscito inizialmente ma che in seguito si rivela poco convincente (inutile scendere nei motivi minuti di questa situazione ormai sorpassata).

Il ritorno a Brunswick, secondo noi, e' un'ottima cosa per diversi motivi. Innanzitutto il presente comitato e' stato nuovamente preso per il collo dalla direzione dell'Olympic Park e hene ha fatto a non soccombere e a dimostrare che ci sono altri campi a questo mondo all'interno dell'Olimpico, secondariamente anche al Brunswick e' cambiata la situazione poiche' la squadra di football di Brunswick ora gioca a Coburg quindi c'e' piu' liberta' di movimento; terza cosa e' ormai ovvio che il destino della Juventus e' a Brunswick, quindi prima ci si tornava e meglio era.

Ragion per cui, e con tutte le buone ragioni di questo mondo, domenica prossima la Juventus ospitera' il JUST al Gillon Oval (Brunswick Football Ground), all'angolo di Victoria Street e Pearson Street. L'ingresso al campo e sulla Pearson Street, mentre il parcheggio migliore e' lungo la Victoria Street e nelle altre strade adiacenti; c'e' anche un piccolo autoparcheggio dentro il recinto del campo, ma e' inutile cercare di entrarvi perch' ovviamente sara' riservato ai giocatori e dirigenti delle due squadre, ai "Gold Pass Members" della Juventus, alla stampa e a qualche altro ospite di riguardo. Soci e tifosi vedrete e non dovranno naturalmente essere disposti ad accettare le condizioni meno comode del Gillon Oval (che non e' certo l'Olympic Park), ed essere paziente e comprensivi per la mancanza di certi lussi, ai quali si erano abituati: possono pero' esser certi che tutti i soldi che si faranno al cancello andranno nelle casse del club (ad eccezione di \$100 e'affitti e di qualche altra piccozzetta di spese). Per concludere, vogliamo complimentarci il comitato della Juventus per aver avuto il coraggio, ed il buon senso, di aver preso questa decisione che a prima vista potrebbe sembrare azzardata.

E ora passiamo ad un'altra bella realta' della Juventus, quella di essere saltata in vetta alla classifica dei girone sud (o "national conference") della Lega Nazionale, dopo la vittoria contro il Green Gully: magnifica impresa e magnifico risultato. Detto questo dobbiamo aggiungere, per quel senso di coerenza che ci permette sempre di vivere, che il risultato di domenica scorsa e' stato ottenuto anche con un bel pizzico di fortuna (e nessuno puo' fare una colpa a nessuna squadra per essere fortunata, perch' senza fortuna non si conclude molto). E la Juventus ha avuto bisogno di fortuna contro il Green Gully per due motivi: perch' il Green Gully all'ultimo momento ha acquistato un giocatore come Carter che fatto vedere i sorci verdi ai bianconeri e perch' in ogni caso il mentito, pur avendo perso i loro pezzi di battaglia, non hanno perso nemmeno un pizzico della volonta di vincere, della vittoria fisica, della durezza del loro gioco e, addirittura della "cativeria" per cui sono famosi da anni; poi c'e' sempre il fatto che tutto quello che luce alla Juventus non e' necessariamente oro e che certe squadre possono mettere a nudo delle lucene che non si erano notate contro altre squadre.

Per esempio, il centrocampista del Green Gully (con gente come Williams e Vassallo) ha avuto regione del centrocampo juventino, mentre attaccanti veloci e imprevedibili come Carter e tal hanno messo a dura prova la linea difensiva bianconera.

D'altra parte la fortuna della Juventus e' stata che la dura difesa bianconera ha perso le stafe piu' di una volta e dato la possibilità alla Juventus di segnare anche quando sembrava che non ce l'avrebbe fatta, specialmente Kramers che si e' fatto espellere ad otto minuti dalla fine quando la partita era sul 2-2 ed il Green

Gully sembrava avere addirittura la meglio, ha fatto il gioco dei bianconeri. Non e' stata coincidenza che senza lui al centro della difesa ad intramontare qualsiasi bianconero che arrivava a tiro, Swinscoe e' riuscito a segnare la rete della vittoria da posizione centrale a soli un minuto dalla fine.

Il fatto che la Juventus abbia mancato almeno tre palle de rete, piu' che deporre a suo favore, deponne a suo sfavore, perch' una squadra da alta classifica che "si mangia" reti non merita di vincere partite.

Dall'altra parte non bisogna nemmeno dimenticare che il Green Gully ha colpito una traversa che ha fatto gridare al goal, che Keogh ha nuovamente salvato diverse palle indissolubili e che i difensori bianconeri, oltre ad aver lavorato duro, hanno avuto un pizzico di fortuna anche loro.

Per concludere, siamo al punto dove eravamo: la Juventus continua a vincere ed e' prima in classifica . . . e queste sono le cose principali di settimana in settimana, e ne diamo credito e merito a tutti quelli che se li meritano.

Pero', come sarebbe bello avere un centrocampista come Campbell che da quando e' passato al Crotta sta facendo impazzire le squadre avversarie! O come sarebbe bello avere liberi come Yankos che "libereranno" Dowie o Rogers per un ruolo di centrocampista e renderebbe la difesa piu' sicura di quanto Dowie e Rogers messe assieme possano fare! Pazienza, certe cose sono possibili soltanto nell'immaginazione e non nella realtà!

Comunque siano andate le cose contro il Green Gully, bisogna togliersi tanto di cappello (adesso che i treni son passati) si finira' per consigliare a Zanni, Marconi, Cullen, Geremia (e qualcun altro), che hanno veramente dato il meglio di se stessi fino all'eccesso (specialmente Zanni che ha sfreccato tutto il giorno da un capo all'altro del campo, il Marconi potra' ancora accusare delle battute

cato come un carro armato anche quando era zoppicante).

Purtroppo domenica prossima contro il JUST non ci saranno ne' Sweeney (che e' partito lunedì sera alla volta della Scozia dove il padre e' morebondo — e gli facciano tanti auguri a nome di tutti), ne' Miranda che dopo la partita sembrava fosse stato investito da un carro armato anche lui, Lloyd e anche uscito zoppicante ma potrebbe riprendersi. Purtroppo sembra che nessuno dei precedenti infortunati (Incantalupo, Vince Bannon e Drincock) sia ancora pronto a rientrare. E dopo il JUST arriva l'Hells!

Comunque, abbiamo fede in Mariglio e siamo sicuri che qualcosa fara' per riparare tanti vuoti lasciati nelle file della sua squadra; e poi il JUST ha anche i suoi problemi di infortuni e di forma, quindi non c'e' da disperare, e domenica prossima la Juventus potrebbe ancora vincere, specialmente se le migliaia di "tifosi" che stanno ancora ad aspettare per decidersi a tornare al campo, decideranno che domenica la Juventus ha bisogno di tutto l'incoraggiamento possibile e attualmente avere qualcosa come cinquemila italiani a guardare "Juve! Juve!" al Gillon Oval potrebbero fare ancora di piu' di quello che potrebbe fare un Campbell in campo!

BENTORNATO MARCONI!

Altra bella notizia fra le "italiane" della Lega Nazionale e' che il Marconi e' tornato a vincere, ancora prima di quello che credevamo, e per di piu' contro l'allora capolista del Newcastle. Ovviamente che le sconfitte iniziali del Marconi non ci avevano fatto dimenticare che la squadra di Bossley Park ha i migliori giovani giocatori d'Australia e che perci' alcune sconfitte non significavano che la squadra era spacciata, tutt'altro; era solo questione di tempo prima che i nuovi Spanos, Carr e Lowe trovavano l'inflessione necessaria con gli altri compagni di squadra. Come tutte le squadre con giocatori giovani, il Marconi potra' ancora accusare delle battute

d'arresto contro squadre con giocatori esperti e "cattivi" (come il Sydney City per esempio), ma siamo sicuri che i ragazzi di Scheinfeld saranno fra gli attori principali di questo campionato ed i dominatori di campionati futuri (se rimarranno assieme).

Ottimamente si e' comportato anche il Apia, battendo il Blacktown, e' saltato al secondo posto in classifica; Juventus Adelaide e Brisbane City hanno anche fatto bene con i pareggi interni contro i temibili Preston e Sydney Croatia rispettivamente. Quindi nessuna delle italiane di NSL ha perso questa settimana, ed alcune hanno vinto molto brillantemente.

LEGA STATALE

Nella Lega Statale del Victoria sia Fawkner che Morwell hanno pareggiai, compromettendo leggermente le loro possibilita' di successo finale, ma comunque rimanendo a portata di mano delle attuali campoliste Knox City e Western Suburbs, e alla pari con le altri "papabili" Polonia e Frankston Pines.

Una nota Molti triste da fare e' pero' l'incredibile incidente verificatosi in seguito all'espulsione di Gibson del Polonia: nella partita contro il Fawkner un padre di famiglia e' finito in ospedale in gravi condizioni. Tutte le vittime del mondo non sono tanto importanti da giustificare questi dolorosi incidenti. E, siamo onesti, la opinione e mai stata tanto di quelli che perdonano le staffe, ma anche di coloro che non riescono a calmare, o a fermare con la forza se necessario, quelli fra il pubblico che sono piu' emotivi degli altri. Speriamo che questo ultimo in crescendo incidente insegni a tutti una lezione elementare: il calcio e' uno sport e bisognerebbe lasciarlo tale. Non e' una guerra ne' in campo, ne' tanto meno fuori campo! E gli amici dei tipi piu' emotivi hanno il sacrosanto dovere di intervenire prima che succedano i fatti.

John O'Shea a Socceroo again?

From page one

Carter (Marconi), Tony Dakos and Graham Jennings (Olympic) and Alec Robertson (APIA)

"I couldn't consider Arno Bortogna (APIA) as he missed some early season games and now he's playing in midfield. Jimmy Cant (Sydney City) is about 31 - and I have to have in mind players who could stay on for the Socceroo squad. Robertson was two years younger."

"There can't be much argument about Steve Ratcliffe, Jennings and Dakos while Carter is a strong, fast youngster."

"In midfield the selections are Peter Raskopoulos and Jimmy Petikas (both Olympic, John O'Shea (St. George), Tommy McCulloch (Marconi) and Ian Gray (APIA))."

"O'Shea has been the model of consistency; he's probably the best defensive midfielder now in NSW."

Arok comments. "It's high time that he made his return to representing soccer. Raskopoulos is a talented schemer and distributor of ball; Patikas and McCulloch are busy, strong runners, basically attackers."

"I think Gray has a big future; he covers a huge amount of ground and has a fierce shot; he is ideal, for instance, for free kicks."

"Five players have been selected for the three striking positions: Marshall Soper (Olympic), John Kosmin and Joe Watson (Sydney City), Robbie Slater (St. George) and Phil O'Connor (Blacktown)."

"I think O'Shea would have expected Soper, O'Connor and Kosmin," he says. "Watson can be used in midfield or in attack while Slater is a young talent who must be given a chance."

"If the Brisbanes match was just an isolated interstate clash without serving as a build-up for the Socceroo tasks, I

would have probably put in Ken Boden and Daz Merton and the Queenslanders wouldn't have taken the ball away from them for half an hour."

"But we have to think of the needs of the Australian team and there, unfortunately, I cannot count on Boden and Merton."

"Arok, for over a strategist and statesman, had checked with club coaches before announcing his final selections."

"I wanted to make sure that none of the players was in any dispute with his club, that there were no reasons which should disqualify them."

The NSW team will have three training sessions: on April 5, 10 and 17 at St. George, under the guidance of Arok and his assistant, Attila Abonyi.

Abonyi is also certain to be the assistant national team coach, an appointment which was due to be confirmed after we went to press.

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ENTERTAINING SOCCER IN ROUND FIVE



THIS WEEKEND MARCH 31-APRIL 1
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Adelaide City v Heidelberg



*Joe Mallon
Adelaide City*

at Norwood Oval
3pm Sunday
Previous NSL Results
Adelaide C. 8 wins
Heidelberg 5 wins
1 draw

Sunshine George-Cross v Brisbane City



*Mick McGehee
Sunshine George-Cross*

at Chaplin Reserve
3 pm Sunday
No previous NSL results

Preston v Melbourne Croatia



*Steve Potter
Preston*

at Connor Reserve
3 pm Sunday
No previous NSL results

Brisbane Lions v Penrith City



*Calvin Daunt
Brisbane Lions*

at Richlands
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

Juventus v Footscray



*Frank Goramia
Juventus*

at Gillon Reserve
Brunswick
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

South Melbourne v West Adeláide



*John Kanesoula
South Melbourne*

at Middle Park
3 pm
Previous NSL results
South 5 wins
West Ad 7 wins

POSTPONED GAME: CANBERRA v SOUTH MELBOURNE BRUCE STADIUM, 8pm FRIDAY, MARCH 30
Tentative Date: Check Local Press for confirmation

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

Blacktown v Canberra Arrows



*Chris Dunsavy
Blacktown*

at Gabbie Stadium
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
Blacktown 2 wins
Canberra 1 win
1 draw

Melita Eagles v Marconi



*Mark Jenkins
Marconi*

at Melita Stadium
3 pm Sunday

No previous NSL results

Newcastle v Green Gully



*Mike Boagard
Newcastle*

at International Sports
2.30 pm Saturday
No previous NSL results

St George v Leichhardt



*Mark Barton
St George*

at St George Stadium
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
St George 4 wins
Leichhardt 4 wins

Sydney Croatia v Sydney City



*Steve Watson
Sydney Croatia*

at King Tomislav Park
3 pm Sunday
No previous NSL results

Wollongong v Sydney Olympic



*Ray Vilatstra
Wollongong*

At The Showgrounds
3 pm Sunday
Previous NSL results
Wollongong 3 wins
Olympic 2 wins
1 draw